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Burbank et al.

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Group Art Unit: 3731

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 2, 2006 in the above-referenced application, the Examiner required a restriction to one of the following inventions:

- I. Claims 1-37, 40-46, and 48-53, drawn to a device, classified in class 606, subclass 119.
- II. Claims 38-39 and 47, drawn to a method, classified in class 128, subclass 898.

In response to this restriction requirement, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute claims 1-37, 40-46 and 48-53 drawn to a device. Claims 38-39 and 47 directed to a method are to be withdrawn.

The Examiner has also put forth an election requirement between the species within Invention I listed in the following:

- I. Species I depicted in Figure 1, wherein the handles on the tenaculum-like device are not removable.

II. Species II depicted in Figure 2, wherein the handles on the tenaculum-like device are removable.

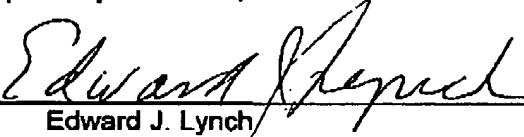
III. Species III depicted in Figure 3, having an occlusion clamp.

IV. Species IV depicted in Figure 4, having an alternative tissue grasping mechanism.

V. Species V depicted in Figure 8, having an alternative occlusion clamp.

Applicants elect the species of Figure 3 having an occlusion clamp. Claims 34-36 read on the elected species.

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